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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA: EX PRESIDENTE SHOULD STAY OUT OF POLITICS

1. "THOSE WHO THINK THAT EX-PRESIDENTE SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN POLITICS ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT". EXCELSIOR HEADLINED AND OTHER MEXICO CITY DAILIES GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO THIS REPLY OF ECHEVERRIA TO AN EXCELSIOR REPORTER'S QUESTION ON NOV. 9. QUESTION REFERRED TO RUMORS THAT ECHEVERRIA INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A "MAXIMATO" (RETENTION OF POWER BY EX-PRESIDENT) AFTER LEAVING OFFICE. PRESIDENT "LAUGHED HEARTILY" IN MAKING HIS STATEMENT.

2. COMMENT: ECHEVERRIA ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE IN REASSURING THE PUBLIC ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS AFTER DEC. 1. ON OCT. 20, 1975 REPEAT 1975 ECHEVERRIA FIRST DISCOUNTED RUMORS THAT HE HAD ANY DESIRE EXCEPT TO "READ A LOT OF BOOKS" AFTER LEAVING OFFICE AND PERIODICALLY MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN PERIOD AND AFTER. HE INVITED LOPEZ PORTILLO TO HIS SEPT. 1 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS AND STATED, GESTURING IN JLP'S DIRECTION, THAT HE WOULD "TURN OVER THE LEADERSHIP TO JLP WITH ALL MY HOPES AND CERTAINTIES AS A CITIZEN". SINCE THEN ECHEVERRIA AND  
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LOPEZ PORTILLO HAVE MADE JOINT PUBLIC APPEARANCES MORE

OFTEN, ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS AT PUBLIC REASSURANCES.

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